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Today, following the publication of New York Times' article, "Obama to Push Immigration Bill as One Priority ," Congressman

Luis V. Gutierrez, Chair of the CHC Immigration Task Force made the following statement.

"Last month, the CHC sat down with President Obama as allies and supporters, and in return he showed us that he remains committed to immigration reform that stabilizes our economy, secures our borders and keeps our families together. The President showed the CHC that, although it is very early in his administration, he understands that for the immigrant community it's the 11th hour, and there is no time to waste. The Latino community supported President Obama overwhelmingly in the election, and they remain energized not only by his victory but also by his message of support for comprehensive immigration reform. The President campaigned on a platform of comprehensive immigration reform, and since taking office, he has repeated that a just, humane and comprehensive solution is still the only way to fix our broken immigration system. The CHC's meeting with President Obama served to reiterate his commitment to enacting humane immigration reform, and it gave the American people every reason to believe that a plan is forthcoming, and we will see real change this year."

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